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Subject: Opposition to Highway 418

Good day.

I am a resident and health care worker living in York Region for over 20 years.

I am extremely and morally opposed to the construction of Highway 413. We are in the midst of a Climate Crisis that threatens our very existence. More than 40% of the greenhouse gas emissions come from the transportation sector; the last thing we need is more highways! Our monies need to go into building a sustainable future that will reduce our impact on this most fragile environment.

Dr Mark Carney, former Governor of both the Bank of England and the Bank of Canada, and in 2020 appointed as the United Nations special envoy for climate action and finance; is championing for the transition that financial institutions and investors must take in order to combat this global climate crisis. Indeed a provincial assessment is not enough; particularly since the Provincial government has taken Drakonean measures in changing the rules to allow construction to begin! Nothing short of anti-democratic! Clearly a Federal EA is warranted.

I urge council to move a motion to oppose Highway 413, and vote to support a full Federal Environmental Assessment for both highways. Let no work happen until we know ALL the facts on the environmental impacts.

Sincerely,
Debbie Fletcher-Queen
Newmarket Resident